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A STORMY MEETING

The November Primary, However, is Retained

Opening with a red-hot argument over whether the committee should or should not go into executive session, the State Democratic Executive Committee, Monday afternoon, began its most memorable session at the Maxwell House in Nashville.

Fighting every inch of the way when the motion to go into secret session was carried after an appeal from a ruling of the chair—on the question, members of the regular democracy present left the room in much confusion, cursing McMillin and the committee and all his henchmen and swearing vengeance in November.

No epithet was too strong to apply to McMillin and his leaders and various counties were openly promised to the republican ticket by anywhere from a hundred to a thousand votes. On the outside of the assembly room, where the committee met, the talk was even more boisterous and violent, and some one proposed that a mass-meeting be organized at once and the committee forced to do the square thing or else start right now a revolt that will go through the election in November. No action was taken in this matter. After the committee went into secret session it was decided to admit the press, that full reports could be given the public and the charge of secrecy offset.

Those of the committee present were: Worley, Caldwell (by Newman), Bunden (by Milton), Kennerly (by Puryear), Foust, Hill, Mitchell, Morton, Gay, Goodrich, Lewis, Hussey, McGrew, Walker, Herron, Patterson, Pierce, Holmes (by Garrett), Murrell (by Stanton.)

Mr. Foust moved that the committee go into secret session, and the chair ruled him as out of order. He appealed and then a wordy argument over parliamentary procedure took place between Garrett and Puryear. There were cries of "no executive session" all over the hall. "Let the democracy be heard" was insisted. The chair continued to rule with Mr. Puryear and the first test vote came up on the appeal from the ruling of the chair.

The question was whether or not the chair be sustained, and resulted as follows:

Ayes—Worley, Kennerly, Mitchell, Morton, Goodrich, Lewis, Hussey, McGrew, Herron; total, 9. Noes—Caldwell, Bunden, Foust, Hill, Roy, Walker, Patterson, Pierce, Holmes, Murrell; total, 10.

Angered over the defeat the crowd was in temper for trouble. Mr. Puryear wanted to debate the question, but Mr. Foust objected. Mr. Puryear had just said that the committee had no right at this time to go into secret session, but that the people were entitled to a full and open discussion. Foust then objected and Mr. Puryear said, "You not only don't want the public to know what will happen in the executive session, but you don't want even the question of going into executive session openly discussed. Very well, I will not talk about it." He was cheered.

Mayor Howse got permission to say a word and ask a question. His question was if the democracy of the state would be allowed to be heard before the committee. He was rather violent in his remarks. On the question of going into secret session the chairman called for a viva voce vote. He at first declared that the motion failed, and it did, for several hundred in the audience voted. Mr. Stanton and others demanded a roll call. The chairman took time to angrily tell Stanton to sit down, and then he ordered a roll call. The result was 12 ayes to 7 noes.

Pandemonium broke out at once. Mayor Howse angrily said, "You need not adjourn to headquarters. We democrats will get out." This they proceeded to do, and curses filled the air, mixed with threats against the regular ticket. Men angrily shook their fists at the committee. Epithets were flung at them and then the tirade turned against McMillin and his "henchmen."

There were jeers for Senator Luke Lea. The committee was told to go to h— with him and other "Hospercrats." Maj. Stalham came in for his share of the cursing, and then direct attention was given to McMillin whom, it seems, was considered responsible.

"To h— with the regular ticket." "We will get you in November." "D— McMillin and his henchmen," were some of the mildest expressions.

Meantime the committee adjourned to room fifteen and proceeded to business.

After the committee adjourned to the committee room—and went into secret session, the primary question was soon disposed of. Rice Pierce, Benton McMillin's campaign manager, who is also a member of the state committee, led the fight for retaining the primary. Several speeches were made, pro and con, and a resolution was introduced to call off the primary. This motion was defeated. The committee voted as follows:

For the primary—J. Parks Worley, Bluff City; W. T. Kennerly, Knoxville; J. R. Mitchell, Crossville; J. D. G. Morton, Gallatin; George Goodrich, Fayetteville; S. C. Lewis, Dover; Irvin McGrew, Pulaski; J. D. Herron, McKenzie; M. M. Hussey, Palmyra; Rice A. Pierce, Union City.

Against the primary—J. H. Caldwell, Bristol; J. H. Bunden, Jefferson City; J. L. Foust, Chattanooga; L. D. Hill, Sparta; Rob Roy, Alexandria; J. B. Walker, Centerville; A. M. Patterson, Savannah; V. H. Holmes, Trenton; B. T. Murrell, Somerville.

Jos. E. Creath was elected a member of the committee to take the place of the late R. C. Williamson from Shelby county. This was a slap at Crump, who was backing Judge Harry Kelly, the trustee of Shelby county, and one of the most popular men of the county.

Born With Tooth

The following was sent from Trezevant as a special to the Memphis Commercial Appeal:

Mrs. Jones, wife of Charles Jones, night watchman for the Ware & Goodwin Coop Company, at this place, gave birth to twins, a boy and a girl, and the boy had a well-developed tooth in the lower jaw when born.

SHOT HEAD OFF

Bud Hegler of Weakley County Takes Own Life

Bud Hegler, an aged man of Weakley county, who lived between McKenzie and Gleason, committed suicide last Sunday morning by shooting himself with a shotgun. The load entered his head and tore nearly his entire head from his body. He left nothing to indicate a reason for the rash act.

Mr. Hegler's wife has been dead some time and his children are all grown and have gone out into homes of their own, and, it is said, that he has been acting strangely at times of late. He has one son who is a minister. The neighbors were greatly shocked at his unfortunate ending.

M'MILLIN COMMITTEE

Democratic Gubernatorial Candidate Announce Managers

Saturday Gov. McMillin announced his campaign committee as follows: Chairman, Rice A. Pierce, Union City; vice-chairman, J. Frank White, Cumberland Gap; secretary, John J. Cherry, Nashville; by districts: First J. Frank White, Cumberland Gap; Second, H. L. Underwood, Knoxville; Third, Judge William Allison, Chattanooga; Fourth, Judge A. H. Roberts, Livingston; Fifth, Judge W. B. Lamb, Fayetteville; Sixth, Houston Dudley, Nashville; Seventh, Senator Frank Boyd, Waynesboro; Eighth, not yet appointed; Ninth, Rice A. Pierce, Union City; G. W. Jeter, Dresden; Tenth John C. Burch and Percy Finley, Memphis.

Every man named above, except Mr. Finley, was present at the conference Saturday afternoon, and Gov. McMillin was also on hand to talk over the situation. The conference was behind closed doors. Only permanent organization of the committee was perfected at this meeting. Rice A. Pierce was elected chairman by unanimous vote, and the committee then allowed the chairman to name the other officers.

Gov. McMillin, it is said, will open his campaign within the next few days.

SAM ALLEN DEAD

A Clever Citizen of the Twenty-fourth District

Sam N. Allen, a clever citizen of the Twenty-fourth district, died last Friday night, after a long illness with tuberculosis. While Mr. Allen's health has been failing for some time he was confined to his room only a few weeks.

The deceased was nearly 45 years old, a member of the Baptist church, being a deacon of the Concord church, and a clever, upright citizen. He is survived by his wife and five children. He was a splendid man, a kind friend and neighbor and will be missed.

The burial occurred Sunday at the Hampton graveyard, after funeral services conducted by Rev. T. M. Boyd. A large crowd of sympathizing friends attended the services.

Severed Big Toe

A Trezevant special says: While playing near home, the 5-year-old daughter of D. Byrum, a farmer near town, let her father's chopping axe fall on the great toe of her brother, completely severing it from his foot. The parents immediately called a physician and the member was sewed back, and it is thought that it will grow back.

ALLEN AND EDWARDS

Last Two of the Hillsville Outlaws are Caught

Led by an 18-year-old girl, who betrayed her sweet heart into the hands of justice, Sidna Allen and Wesley Edwards, leader and member, respectively, of the Allen gang of outlaws, who killed Judge Massie and several others in court at Hillsville, Va., last March, were captured Saturday evening in Des Moines, Iowa, where they were working and going under assumed names.

The girl, Miss Maude Iroler, went to Des Moines to marry Edwards and was followed by detectives who captured the young men just before the wedding hour.

The crime for which these men were wanted was one of the most sensational in the history of the state of Virginia.

On March 14, last, the Allen clan of Hillsville, Va., in trying to free Floyd Allen, on trial for assault, opened fire in the courtroom and killed Judge Thornton L. Massie, Commonwealth Attorney William L. Foster, Sheriff Lee F. Webb, Juror Fowler and Miss Elizabeth Ayers.

The Allens, seven or eight in number, shot their way out of the courtroom, mounted their horses and fled to the mountains on the border between Virginia and North Carolina.

Poses heavily armed and accompanied by bloodhounds, started in pursuit. Time after time it was said the outlaws were surrounded and capture was near, but each time they escaped. At last, after weeks of hunting, one by one, they were caught or surrendered until only Sidna Allen, the leader of the clan, and his nephew, Wesley Edwards, were at large.

Of those caught, Floyd Allen and Claude Allen were sentenced to death, Friel Allen and Sidna Edwards to long terms in prison, and Victor Allen was acquitted last Friday.

The capture of Sidna Allen and Wesley Edwards, through the unwitting instrumentality of the latter's sweetheart, Maude Iroler, completes the roll of those who took part in the shooting.

CROP DETERIORATION

Practically no Chance for Top Crop is Left

Last Monday's Commercial Appeal contained the following about the cotton crop:

The cotton crop deteriorated heavily over practically the entire belt during the week. The hot, dry weather has caused a cessation of growth and fruitage—save in a few scattered lowlands—over all the belt, except in Oklahoma and northern Texas. Rains served to check deterioration somewhat in

some sections, but the damage had already been done and could not be remedied.

East of the river the crop is made, except in some lowlands in Mississippi and Tennessee and a lesser extent in Alabama and South Carolina. The late crop on these lands is in no danger from a frost of average date, which renders the final yield of even the small portion of the top crop that holds forth any promise a matter of speculation. The middle and bottom crops are not so heavy, owing to heavy shedding of squares and young bolls, as last year. Boll weevils have destroyed any hope of top crop in southern Mississippi. Premature opening caused by the heat is causing complaint of short staple.

In Tennessee hot, dry weather forced plant far toward maturity and caused some shedding on hill and other light lands. On heavy lands the plant continues to grow and fruit, but is late and will require a late frost to mature. Picking will not become general within two or three weeks.

MAKES HEAVY BOND

John B. Smith Has Preliminary Hearing Monday

John B. Smith, charged with shooting Norman Leach two weeks ago, had a preliminary hearing before Squires H. C. Smith and Ray Newbill at Trezevant last Monday. The state was represented by John T. Peeler. A number of witnesses were examined and it was shown to the satisfaction of the court that Smith did the shooting, that he hid among bushes and fired upon Leach as he drove along the public road on a wagon. Smith was immediately arrested with the gun still in his possession.

The defense rested with the state's testimony, introducing no witnesses. Speeches were made on both sides and the court fixed the bail at \$5,000. The defendant made the bond and was released from custody. Smith had been in jail at Paris since his arrest. He was defended by George T. McCall.

Leach had sufficiently recovered from his wounds to be at the trial and to testify, and will soon be well again. A large crowd attended the trial. It developed that the trouble between Leach and Smith had its origin in a game of chance.

High School Opens

The Atwood high school opened Monday morning with a good attendance. The teachers for this term are Prof. Flavy Browning, of Milan, principal; Miss Callie Lou Roach, of Atwood, intermediate; Miss Gracie Moore, of Milan, primary. Miss Hattie Grabel, of Henry, has charge of the expression department again, and Miss Ursha Taylor, of Milan will have charge of the music department.

MOOSE TENACIOUS

Poston Will Not Withdraw—Tennessee to be Battle Ground

The following was sent out the first of the week as a special from Nashville:

Hop. G. T. Taylor, chairman of the progressive state committee in Tennessee, is back from New York. "I went up there," said Mr. Taylor this morning, "to confer with Senator Dixon, chairman of the progressive national committee, and Mr. Perkins, chairman of the national executive committee, and other national leaders. I found them all at headquarters hard at work. I found them delighted with the outlook, and especially so in the republican states in the north and west. They confidently agreed that Roosevelt will carry New York, Ohio, Illinois and New Jersey. From what I learned there, I believe that Roosevelt is going to be elected."

"This is based largely upon the fact that Taft represents a stolen nomination and the republicans, except a few federal officeholders scattered around, are not going to support him, and upon the further fact that I learned there that 10 to 25 per cent of the democrats in the eastern and northern states will support Roosevelt."

"Yes, Roosevelt is coming to Tennessee. Vice-President Johnson, Bourke Cochran, of New York, ex-democrat, together with Beveridge from Indiana, are all coming to Tennessee to make speeches. On the 26th Roosevelt is to be at Memphis, and will also speak at Jackson on that day. Then, about October 1, it has been practically agreed that he will come from Atlanta to Chattanooga, Knoxville and Johnson City. He will not come to Nashville."

"What is there in this report that Judge Poston, the progressive candidate for governor, is going to come of the ticket?" was asked.

"There is absolutely nothing in that report."

FELL DEAD

William Campbell Had Sudden Call Last Sunday

William Campbell, a well-to-do farmer, who lived in the Sixteenth district, died very suddenly last Sunday morning. Mr. Campbell arose that morning feeling as well as usual and up in the day walked out into the garden. While standing in the garden and without a minute's warning he fell to the ground dead. Heart failure is supposed to have been the cause.

The deceased was over 70 years old, and is survived by his second wife and ten children. He was a hard-working man, a clever neighbor, a good citizen and was highly esteemed by his neighbors. The burial occurred last Monday at Hebron church, a large crowd attending the burial services. The bereaved have the sympathy of the entire community.

Calls a Pastor

Rev. W. T. Ward, of McKenzie, has accepted a call to the pastorate of the Eastland Baptist church and will go to Nashville in time to assume charge of his new work by October 1. Mr. Ward is a brother of Rev. M. E. Ward, the well known pastor of the Belmont Baptist church.

The above was taken from the Nashville Banner, and we presume the Baptist church at McKenzie will soon be without a pastor.

GETS HEAVY FINE

Andy Foreman and Paralee Milam Fought Sunday

City Recorder J. F. Leach had before him Monday morning Andy Foreman and Paralee Milam, both colored, charged with fighting. It seems that they engaged in a pretty lively Sunday fight in which the woman rather got the best of the bout.

The fight was at the woman's home and Andy seemed to be the intruder. Andy was said to be drinking and also exposed a pistol he was carrying. The recorder assessed two fines against foreman, one of \$7.50 for fighting and the other of \$10 for carrying a pistol, and cost in both cases. The woman was released.

"Everybody's Doing It"

GETTING READY FOR THE BIG 7TH ANNUAL

Carroll County Fair at Huntingdon

Day and Night, October 1 to 5

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GET THE HABIT—Help make the Fair a success by taking a personal part in it—Prepare your Exhibits for entry in the various Departments—Show your Fine Stock—Take part in the Riding and Driving Contests. Write to the Fair Secretary for Catalogue if interested.

SPECIAL DAYS

TUESDAY--Public School Children's Day. **WEDNESDAY**--McKenzie Day--Floral and Industrial Parade Day--Special Day for the 3rd, 4th, 9th, 10th and 22d Districts. **THURSDAY**--Trezevant Day--W. O. W. and M. W. A. Camps' Day--Special Day for the 1st, 2d, 5th, 6th, 7th, 8th, 12th, 20th and 21st Districts. **FRIDAY**--Military Day--Drills by the Huntingdon Ambulance Corps, Tennessee National Guard--Special Day for the 10th, 13th, 14th, 15th, 16th, 17th, 18th, 23rd and 24th Districts--Knights of the Maccabees Day. **SATURDAY**--Old Soldiers' Day--Carroll County Day.